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Journal [of the] Extraordinary Session of the Legislative Assembly
1874

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Ordered

That a Meeting of the Legislative Assembly be holden at the Court House in Honolulu, on Thursday which will be the Twelfth day of February AD 1874. at twelve O'clock at noon. And of this Order all members of the Legislative Assembly will take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed) Charles R Bishop
Minister of Foreign Affairs
" Edwin O Hall.
Minister of Interior
" Robert Stirling.
Minister of Finance
" A Francis Judd
Attorney General

Legislative Assembly in Extraordinary Session 1874.

The Legislative Assembly of the Hawaiian Islands, met in Extraordinary Session this twelfth day of February A.D. 1874. at 12 O'clock. noon.

Assembly called to order by the Secretary.

Prayer by the Hon Mr Konsard.

His Ex. P. Nahaolelua. called to the Chair.

Roll called and all the members answered

Hon Mr Kaukaha then moved that the Assembly proceed to the Election of Officers and placed in nomination His Ex. P. Nahaolelua for President. Hon S K Kaai for Vice President. R H Stanley for Secretary. W. L Wilcox for Interpreter. W. C. Parke for Sergt at Arms Revd Mr Paikuli for Chaplain and Mr Ka for Messenger.

Hon Mr Aholo then asked the Chairman to decide whether the Legislature of 1872 or the Members Elect were the proper Body to Elect a Sovereign, and that the question be Referred to the Justices of the Supreme Court.

Hon Mr Wilder rose to a point of Order, that the question could not be entertained until the Assembly was duly Organized.

Point of Order sustained by the Chair. no appeal taken.

The Assembly then proceeded with the Election of Officers by Ballot. and after successive Balloting, His Excelly P. Nahaolelua was Elected President, Hon S K Kaai Vice Presdt R. H. Stanley Secretary. W. L Wilcox Interpreter. W C Parke Sergt at Arms. Revd Mr Paikuli Chaplain.
After the first ballot for Messenger — Hon Mr Hartwell moved that the Election of Messenger be deferred until tomorrow. which was put to vote & carried.

The Hon Presdt then called for the Credentials of Members which were handed to the Secretary.

On motion the following Committee on Credentials were appointed by the President. Viz:
Honorables James I Dowsett. D Kaukaha. L Aholo. J W Kaiue and J H S Martin.

On coming in of the Committee the Hon J I Dowsett chairman reported in favor of the Credentials as follows. Members for Hawaii 8. Maui 7. Molokai & Lanai 2. Oahu 8 and Kauai 3.
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On motion Report accepted.

On motion Justice Hartwell was requested to administer the oath under the Constitution to Members.

On motion His Ex C R Bishop appointed to wait upon Justice Hartwell, who reported that he was in attendance.

Hon Justice Hartwell then administered the oath to the Nobles & Representatives, and under the Rules administered the Oath of Office to the Secretary & Interpreter.

His Ex C R Bishop and His Ex A Francis Judd then presented in the English & Hawaiian Languages the following address of the Ministers of His late Majesty and laid upon the Speakers table the Certificate of the Attending Physicians on His late Majesty also the proceedings of the Cabinet Council on His demise and the Order of the Cabinet Council calling this assembly together for the purpose of electing a Sovereign to the Throne, as follows: to wit

× Mr President Nobles and Representatives

His late Majesty Lunalilo was elected as the Successor to His late Majesty Kamehameha V. by the Legislative Assembly on the 8th day of Jany AD 1873. After a short reign of One year and twenty five days, His earthly existence terminated at Haimoeipo, His Private Residence in Honolulu, in the Island of Oahu, on the Third day of February AD 1874. His late Majesty Lunalilo left no heirs, nor did He appoint any

Successor in the mode set forth in the Constitution, with the consent of the Nobles, or make proclamation thereof during his life.

There having been no such appointment or proclamation, the Throne of Hawaii became again vacant and the Cabinet Council immediately successor considered the provisions of the Constitution in such case made and provided, and Ordered That a meeting of the Legislative Assembly be holden at the Court House in Honolulu, on Thursday ~~the~~ which will be the Twelfth day of February A.D. 1874. at Twelve O'clock at Noon And of this Order all members of the Legislative Assembly will take notice and govern themselves accordingly. There have been filed with your President, a Certificate of the decease of His late Majesty, and a Certified Copy of the Records of the Cabinet Council when the above Order was made. By virtue of this Order you have been convened to Elect by Ballot some Native Alii of this Kingdom as Successor to the Throne. May the blessings of Heaven rest upon you, and may the God of All wisdom guide your deliberations. - - -

(Signed) Charles R Bishop.
Minister of Foreign Affairs
" Edwin O Hall.
Minister of the Interior
" Robert Stirling.
Minister of Finance
" A Francis Judd.
Attorney General of the Kingdom.

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On motion of Hon Mr. Kapahu same placed on file and ordered entered in the Journal.

Hon. Mr. Kuihelani then moved that the Legislative Assembly do now proceed to Elect by ballot some Native Alii of the Kingdom as Successor to the Throne of the Hawaiian Islands, which was put to vote & carried.

It was then moved and carried that each member deposit his ballot on his name being called by the Secretary.

On motion of the Hon Mr Bishop, the following named Tellers were appointed by the President. Viz Hon Mr Wilder and the Hon Mr Moehonua.

The Election of Successor Heir to the Throne then proceeded
His Royal Highness David Kalakaua receiving 39 votes and
Her Majesty Dowager Queen Emma " 6 "
Total 45 votes Cast.

His Royal Highness David Kalakaua having received a majority of all the votes cast, was by the Hon President of the Assembly ~~duly~~ declared duly elected King of the Hawaiian Islands.

Hon Mr Kaukaha then moved that a Committee of Five be appointed by the President to inform His Royal Highness David Kalakaua that the Legislative Assembly of the Hawaiian Islands have elected Him Sovereign of the Hawaiian Kingdom and to present Him with a Certificate to that effect, which was put to vote and carried and the Honorables. D Kaukaha. W L Moehonua. C Akolo. J H S Martin and J W Kaine were appointed such Committee.

On motion the ~~Secty~~ Secretary submitted Certificate of Election to be presented, which was duly signed by His Excellency the President and Hon Vice President & Secretary.

Hon Mr Kaukaha then moved that the Secretary prepare an Official account of the Result of to days Election of a Sovereign, for publication in the Newspapers and for posting in Public places in the Streets of Honolulu. which was put to vote & carried.

On motion of the Hon Mr Kipi the Assembly adjourned until Friday the 13th day of February Inst. at 10 o'c A.M.

R. H. Stanley.
Secretary of the Legislative Assembly.

The Legislative Assembly met at the Court House in Honolulu pursuant to adjournment the ~~Twelfth~~ Thirteenth day of February AD 1874 at 10 o'clock, AM.

Present His Excellency P. Nahaolelua. Presdt in the Chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain

Journal of the preceding Session read and on motion approved.

On motion of Hon M. Kaukau. David L Eldridge was elected Messenger by acclamation.

The Committee appointed to wait upon His Majesty and announce the decision of the Assembly reported as follows.

Iolani Palace
Honolulu Feby 12. 1874.

To His Excellency
P. Nahaolelua.
President of the Legislative Assembly of the Hawaiian Islands
Sir.

I have Received at the hands of your Committee the Certificate of my Election today by the Legislative Assembly as Successor to the Throne of the Hawaiian Islands. I wish to Express to the Legislative Assembly through you my thanks for this highest mark of their Confidence and to say that I accept the Royal Trust.

(Signed) Kalakaua. R.

On motion of His Ex. A Francis Judd; Message Received and ordered to be entered in the Journal of the House.

On motion the Assembly adjourned until the 14th Instant at 10 O'clock. AM.

R H Stanley
Secty Legis Assembly

The Legislative Assembly met at the Court House in Honolulu pursuant to adjournment this Fourteenth day of February AD 1874 at 10 O'clock A.M.

Present His Ex P Nahaolelua. Prest in the Chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of the preceding Session read and on motion approved.

The Hon. Prest then announced the Receipt of the following testimonial from Citizens of Honolulu, which was on motion received and ordered entered on the Journal of the House.

To the President, Vice President, Nobles and Representatives of the Hawaiian Kingdom in Legislative Council assembled.

Honolulu February 13th 1874.

We the undersigned Citizens & Foreign Residents of this Capital beg most respectfully to present to your Honorable Body the Expression of our most heartfelt Sympathy and Commiseration with you, and more especially with those of your members who suffered from the attack of a lawless mob on the day of the Election of a the Sovereign to the Hawaiian Throne.

We are universally anxious to tender you this expression of our extreme Regret at the occurrence of so serious an outrage committed upon you while discharging the duties of the highest trust the people of this nation could confer, and we trust that Your Honorable Body will be pleased to accept this as an assurance of our heartfelt sympathy with you.

(Signed) F. A. Schaefer
J. C. Glade
J C Pflueger
J G Dickson
John S Smithies
J W Robertson.
S. M. Damon.
C. S. Bartow
John Ritson
Theo C Heuck
W L Green
Saml C Dawes.

Signed S T Chillingworth.
W. G. Irwin.
McLennan
H Macfarlane
W. A. Markham
H R Stillman
C F Ward.
John H Paty
Charles S Henslace
J O Brewer.
Wm Johnson
O. G. Clifford

(Signed) A W Peirce
D P Peterson.
Jno McColgan
Wm Green.
Thos Cummins
Geo H Luce
Em Ferrand
Wm S Luce
A C Buckwood
R S Davidson
R Meyer.
A J Cartwright
Wm H Hall.
Frank Brown
E Krull.
H M Whitney
W Babcock
Jas E Lewis
Isa Richardson
Chas H Castle
E P Adams.
P C Jones Jr
M Hyman.

(Signed) John S Walker.
H I Nolte.
E Furstenau
B F Bolles
G W Houghtailing
Theo H Davies
G W Macfarlane
Thos R Walker
Godfrey Rhodes
F Banning
Th Offergelt
W Mailens
J D Wicke
A Brautlecht
Julius Hoting
Jas S Lemon.
Geo H Rose
W R Buchanan.
H L Sheldon
J H Black
Alex Campbell
H Schmidt.

On motion of Hon Mr Kaukika a Special Committee consisting of His Ex John O Dominis & Hons. John P Parker & J H S Martin was appointed to prepare a Reply expressive of the appreciation of the sympathy thus tendered by the Residents of Honolulu and that this correspondence be published in the Newspapers of the City together with the Reply of the House.

The following Response was ordered published.

Legislative Assembly
Honolulu Feb. 14. 1874

Gentlemen:

In behalf of the Legislative Assembly of the Kingdom we have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of the Memorial presented on the 13th Inst by the Citizens and Foreign Residents of Honolulu tendering the expression of their sincere regret at the occurrence of so serious an outrage in the Assembly while in the discharge of the high trust to these committees; and most cordially thank you one and all for your assurances of heartfelt sympathy so kindly expressed to us as a Body, and more especially for the cordial manifestations of beneficence for those of our number who suffered upon that occasion.

Very Respectfully Submitted.
Signed John O Dominis.
Chairman of Committee.

To
Messrs J C Glade. F A Schaefer. A J Cartwright & others.

Hon Mr Wilder under a Suspension of the Rules, introduced a Bill appropriating $10,000. to defray the Expenses of the Special Session of 1874.

On motion of Hon Mr Judd. Rules suspended and the Bill passed through its Several Readings and was ordered to engrossment & finally passed.

On motion Hon Messrs Wilder. Aholo & J N S Martin appointed a Committee to carry the Bill before His Majesty.

His Ex the Minister of the Interior Stated that His Majesty had Communicated His intention to ~~progue~~ prorogue the Assembly in person to day at 12 O'clock.

On motion of Hon Mr Kaukaha a Committee consisting of His Ex Jno Dominis. Hons J P Parker & Kakina was appointed to prepare and present Resolutions of Condolence to His Highness Charles Kanaina Father of the late King, on the death of His late Majesty Lunalilo.

The following Resolution was then introduced by the Hon Mr Kaukaha
Resolved that this Assembly hereby tenders its sincere thanks to the Representatives of Foreign Powers and to the Officers & Crews of the War vessels now in port for their generous assistance in preserving the peace and order of this Kingdom on the 12 day of Febry AD 1874

On motion adopted & Copies certified to the Foreign Representatives of America. England & France.

Hon Mr Kaukaha then introduced the following Resolution
Resolved. That the Ministers are hereby authorized and directed to provide medical attendance from the Foreign and Native Physicians of this City; and also Nurses for the Members of this House who have suffered injury; & to pay for the same out of the Public Treasury; and that the Minister of Finance render an account of such expenditure at the next Session of the Legislative Assembly

On motion Resolution adopted.

Hon Mr Wilder, reported that it had pleased His Majesty to approve of An Act to defray the Expenses of this Special Session of the Legislative Assembly,

On motion Report Rec'd and Bill Certified.

At 12 O'clock noon His Majesty prorogued the Assembly as follows.

Nobles and Representatives.

The vacancy of the Throne of our Kingdom by the demise on the 3d Inst, of our much lamented Predecessor, made it necessary for you to meet in Extraordinary Session.

There has been no unnecessary delay either in your coming together or in the discharge of the important duty imposed upon you by the Constitution.

By your free choice I am now King, and I hope with your aid and that of all my faithful subjects to make my Reign a blessing to my people.

The present Session having been called for a special purpose, which has been accomplished; I have no other business to lay before you now. but the Regular biennial Session will be convened in April next. as required by the Constitution, at which time all matters pertaining to the welfare of our Kingdom may be considered

Nobles and Representatives

I desire again to thank you for your partiality and kindness towards myself; and I pray the Almighty that he will

continue to protect and prosper of the Kingdom.
I now declare this Legislative Assembly prorogued.

R. H. Stanley

Secty Legislative Assembly.